



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The owners of Shorty's Tavern in Albers celebrated
3 it's 70th anniversary on Saturday, May 7, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1934, Anton "Tony" Behrman and his wife,
5 Catherine, purchased a tavern located at 202 South Commercial
6 in Albers; it is the second-longest-running,
7 generation-to-generation, family owned bar in Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Tony and Catherine owned and operated the tavern,
9 then known as Behrman's, until 1954, when their son, Urban
10 "Shorty" Behrman and his wife, Dorothy, took over; Shorty and
11 Dorothy's sons, Glen (Shorty Jr.) and Clyde (Balls) and Glen's
12 wife, Theresa, became the third generation in the business in
13 1987; and

14 WHEREAS, Many changes have occurred throughout the years
15 since Tony and Catherine first began running the tavern; at
16 that time, there were only 10 brands of cigarettes; today,
17 there are 202; soda or a glass of beer cost only five cents; a
18 half-barrel was under \$10, and a mixed drink cost 50 cents; and

19 WHEREAS, The bar would open every day at 6 a.m., and there
20 were special tables for "ladies" since they weren't permitted
21 to sit at the bar; rest room facilities were only available
22 outside; neighbors often sent their children to the tavern with
23 a coffee can to get cold draft beer; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Shorty's tavern has been
25 notorious for its successful pool leagues; the 1918 Brunswick
26 table purchased by Tony Behrman in the early 1940s still stands
27 center stage in Shorty's tavern; the tavern has also sponsored
28 softball, darts, and bowling; and

29 WHEREAS, Even though his sons took over the business years

1 ago, Shorty Sr. still works behind the bar and is one of the
2 longest-serving bartenders in the State; the tavern continues
3 to be a welcoming and comfortable gathering space; therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate the owners of Shorty's Tavern, past and
8 present, on the occasion of the tavern's 70th anniversary; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Shorty's Tavern as an expression of our esteem and
12 with best wishes for many more years of success.